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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, QA AG  
SUBJECT: ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENNE VISITS QATAR

1. ALGERIAN PRESIDENT HOUARI BOUMEDIENNE AND ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ABDEL AZIZ BOUTEFLIKA PAID A SHORT VISIT OF FOUR HOURS TO DOHA ON JANUARY 9. BOUMEDIENNE, WHO ARRIVED BY A SPECIAL FLIGHT FROM SANA, DEPARTED LATER IN THE DAY FOR KUWAIT.

2. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE PALACE AND DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, THE CENTRAL SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE ALGERIAN PRESIDENT AND QATARI AMIR KHALIFA BIN HAMAD AL THANI WAS THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE INITIATIVE OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT SADAT. BOUMEDIENNE IS SAID TO HAVE STRESSED THE DISADVANTAGES AND DANGERS TO THE ARAB CAUSE REPRESENTED BY SADAT'S INITIATIVE WITH KHALIFA ARGUING PRIVATELY THAT SADAT'S EFFORTS WERE WORTHY OF ARAB SUPPORT. AMIR KHALIFA IS STILL PLAYING AN EXTREMELY CAUTIOUS PUBLIC ROLE, HOWEVER, AND  
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THE ONLY PUBLIC INTIMATION OF KHALIFA'S PRO-SADAT POSITION IS A CAUTIOUSLY WORDED STATEMENT IN THE QATAR NEWS AGENCY BULLETIN OF JANUARY 9 CALLING FOR "DIRECT MEETINGS AND RECIPROCATION OF VIEWS AND CONSULTATION" TO PROMOTE THE ARAB CAUSE.

3. COMMENT: AMIR KHALIFA IS ALWAYS POLITE AND NOT INFREQUENTLY GENEROUS TO VISITING ARAB DIGNITARIES, BUT HE IS NOT LIKELY TO BE

DISSUADED BY ANYBODY FROM QUIETLY SUPPORTING PRESIDENT SADAT'S  
EFFORTS TO FIND PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE REASON IS THAT  
KHALIFA ASSOCIATES THE WELFARE OF HIS OWN ESSENTIALLY MODERATE  
REGIME WITH THE SURVIVAL OF MODERATE LEADERSHIP IN EGYPT, SAUDI  
ARABIA, JORDAN AND, TO A CONSIDERABLY LESSER EXTENT, SYRIA.  
KHALIFA IS ALREADY PROVIDING ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF HIS ANNUAL OIL  
REVENUE AMOUNTING TO \$400 MILLION TO EGYPT, JORDAN AND SYRIA.  
THERE ARE OBVIOUSLY FIRM CONVICTIONS BEHIND HARD CASH PAYMENTS  
OF SUCH MAGNITUDE WHICH ARAB CRITICS OF PRESIDENT SADAT WILL HAVE  
A VERY HARD TIME SHAKING.  
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